

California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board

Open Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2006, Board Meeting

The California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board (Board) convened its meeting in open session at the call of William Bush, Undersecretary, State and Consumer Services Agency, at the First Floor Hearing Room, 630 "K" Street, Sacramento, California, on Thursday, November 16, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. Also present were Board members Windie Scott, Deputy State Controller, acting for and in the absence of Steve Westly, Controller, and Michael Ramos, San Bernardino District Attorney.

Board staff present included Karen McGagin, Executive Officer; Tom O'Connor, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Kathleen Andleman, Chief Counsel; and Linda Paluda, Manager, Government Claims Program. Tisha Heard, Board Liaison, recorded the meeting.

The Board meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 1. Minutes for October 19, 2006 Board Meeting

The Board voted to adopt the minutes of the October 19, 2006, Board Meeting.

Item 2. Public Comment

The Board opened the meeting for public comment.

Attorney Michael Siegel addressed the Board regarding the rules for reconsideration of its decisions. The Chief Counsel agreed to review the matter further and to respond to the Board at a later date.

Item 3. Executive Officer's Statement

The Executive Officer gave her report to the Board which included the following information:

- Outreach Efforts - A number of major endeavors have been instituted to increase awareness of the Victim Compensation Program. Working with our partners, we are undertaking the following to improve awareness: bus shelter advertisement pilot program; onsite visits to all Criminal Restitution Compact counties; production of a DVD on the Victim Compensation Program; and holding providers conferences for Non Profit Agreement participants.
- CaRES Update – In October CaRES became an end-to-end system, capable of processing a claim from the day it arrives in Sacramento through bill payment.
- New Appointments – Laura Hill has been appointed the Deputy Executive Officer of the Victim Compensation Program. Chip Skinner has been appointed Assistant Deputy Executive Officer over the Victim Compensation Program.
- VCGCB Ombudsman– In October an ombudsman position was established to directly assist VCP claimants when issues arise regarding their claims. Anita Ahuja has been named to this position.
- VCGCB Updates – The VCGCB annual report for 2005/2006 is being prepared for distribution.

Item 4. Proposed Board Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2007

The Board voted to adopt the staff recommendation with the exception of the April 19, 2007, Board Meeting date which is tentative.

Government Claims Program

Item 5. Consent Agenda (Nos. 1- 681)

The Board voted to adopt staff recommendations for numbers 1-681 with the exception of numbers 64, 102, and 466, which were continued at the request of the claimants.

Item 6. Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office G557679 - G557685

Donna Corbin, Government Claims Coordinator, appeared on behalf of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

The Board voted to adopt the staff recommendation to allow the claims in the total amount of \$12,781.66 to be paid pursuant to Government code section 13928 (legislative pay).

Item 7. System Exchange Corporation G561667

Donna Corbin, Government Claims Coordinator, and Carrie Daves, Program Manager, Parole Automation Department, appeared on behalf of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

The Board voted to adopt the staff recommendation to allow the claim in the amount of \$91,587.50 to be paid by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation under authority of Government Code section 965 (agency pay).

Item 8. Tada Corporation G561738

Karri Rosario of Deloitte Touche, LLP appeared on behalf of Tada Corporation.

The Board voted to adopt the staff recommendation to allow the claim in the amount of \$64,201.61 under authority of Government Code section 13928 (legislative pay).

Item 9. Superior Galleries, Inc. G561760

Vicky Tully appeared on behalf of the State Controller's Office.

The Board voted to adopt the staff recommendation to allow the claim in the amount of \$95,324.41 under authority of Government Code section 13928 (legislative pay).

**Item 10. Request for Delegation of Authority
Under Government Code section 935.6
California State University**

The Board voted to adopt the staff recommendation to approve the request for the delegation of authority.

**Item 11. Protest of Rick Albert Machinery
Invitation for Bid Number 55229**

Kathleen Yates, Senior Staff Counsel, appeared on behalf of the Department of General Services.

The Board voted to adopt the staff recommendation to dismiss the protest without further hearing on the grounds that there is no basis upon which the protest may be upheld.

**Item 12. Redic Business Forms & Systems
Invitation for Bid Number 55311**

The Board voted to adopt the proposed decision to dismiss the protest without further hearing on the grounds that there is no basis upon which the protest can be granted.

**Item 13. Jason Kindle (Penal Code sec. 4900)
Claim Number G538791**

This claim was continued to the December 14, 2006, Board meeting at the request of the claimant.

Victim Compensation Program

The Board commenced the Victim Compensation Program portion of the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

Item 14. Contract Report

The Executive Officer delivered the contract report to the Board.

Item 15. Consent Agenda (Nos. 1- 61)

The Board voted to adopt the staff recommendations.

Item 16. Requests for Reconsideration (Nos. 62 - 75)

The Board voted to adopt the staff recommendations to deny the requests for reconsideration.

Closed Session

Pursuant to Government Code sections 11126(c)(3) and 11126(e), the Board adjourned into Closed Session with the Board's Executive Officer, Chief Deputy Executive Officer, and Chief Counsel at 10:38 a.m. to deliberate on the proposed decisions, numbers 76 through 97, and to confer with and receive advice from counsel regarding pending litigation.

The Board reconvened into open session at 10:47 a.m.

Open Session

The Board voted to adopt the proposed decisions, numbers 76 through 97.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Karen McGagin
Executive Officer

I certify that the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board adopted these minutes at its meeting of December 14, 2006, at Sacramento, California.

Date: December 14, 2006

By: _____

Board Liaison

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